

A NATIONAL PARK AREA

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS



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The Boston Harbor Islands national park area, tranquil and scenic, natural and historic, just minutes from downtown Boston, makes you feel worlds away. The Islands offer visitors of every age and background a boatload of activities and adventures. Explore this unique ocean setting and experience the great outdoors.

TWO ISLAND ADVENTURE

☼ Georges Island

Tour the National Historic Landmark, Fort Warren, a 19th-century granite stronghold built to defend Boston. Walk around the ramparts or along the shore. Tidal pools await explorers and large fields beckon Frisbee players. There are also free ranger guided tours and café amenities.

☼ Spectacle Island

Take a swim in lifeguarded waters. Hike along five miles of trails to the islands' highest point, with spectacular views of the Boston skyline and harbor. A "green" visitors center offers café amenities and exhibits about island history and nature. Free jazz concerts Sunday afternoons, from June through September.

MULTI-ISLAND ADVENTURE

Fun Day Trips and Camping Islands!

These rustic islands are accessible by using our park ferries and are favorites for camping and rustic day trips! Free ranger tours, picnicking, as well as walking and hiking trails are available.

Please see the reverse side for ferry information.

Camping reservations are required: Call 617-223-8666 or go directly to ReserveAmerica.com.

☼ Bumpkin Island

Roam slate and shell beaches, looking for sea glass, and wander through open fields. Wild flowers and berries line trails that lead visitors to the ruins of a cobblestone farmhouse and a former children's hospital.

☼ Grape Island

Amid this woodsy isle's grassy trails and lush greenery, catch a few moments of peace and tranquility. And simultaneously, spy a wide variety of birds.

☼ Lovells Island

A favorite camping island, this 62-acre island has trails that pass by extraordinary tide pools, dunes and woods, picnic areas, an unsupervised swimming beach, and the remains of Fort Standish.

☼ Peddocks Island

Discover a treasure trove of diversity—from marshes and woodlands to cobble beaches and historic Fort Andrews.

MORE ISLANDS TO EXPLORE!

☼ Thompson Island

On Sundays in the summer explore the island's 204 acres of rolling hills, meadows, beaches, and pristine salt marsh. There is also great birding! Thompson Island Outward Bound offers year-round team-building programs and a conference center for group outings and events.

Departures from South Boston, EDIC Pier 10# Trips to Thompson Island

Memorial Day thru Labor Day, Sundays Only—Regular ferry fees apply, pay on the boat, cash only please. A free shuttle from Thompson Island is available to Spectacle Island.

SPECIALTY TOURS

☼ Boston Light on Little Brewster Island

A three-hour adventure begins with a 45-minute boat cruise through the Boston Harbor Islands national park area, where you will experience the rich history and geography of the islands with an NPS ranger. Land on Little Brewster Island and visit the first and oldest lighthouse site in the U.S. and the last to retain a Coast Guard keeper. Climb Boston Light and see the historic Fresnel lens and enjoy this unique and unforgettable view of Boston Harbor from its most recognized gateway. Tours are June-October, Thursday-Sunday.











Private Boaters

Pull into an island marina on Spectacle Island, or take advantage of moorings available throughout the Harbor Islands. For reservations call 617-241-9640. www.constitutionmarina.com

Groups

We also offer a variety of customized tour packages for large groups. Choose from a list of themes or design your own! Please call 617-223-8666 or visit bostonharborislands.org. For Harbor Island Express ferry group rates call 617-222-6999. For school and group ferry rates call 617-222-6999.

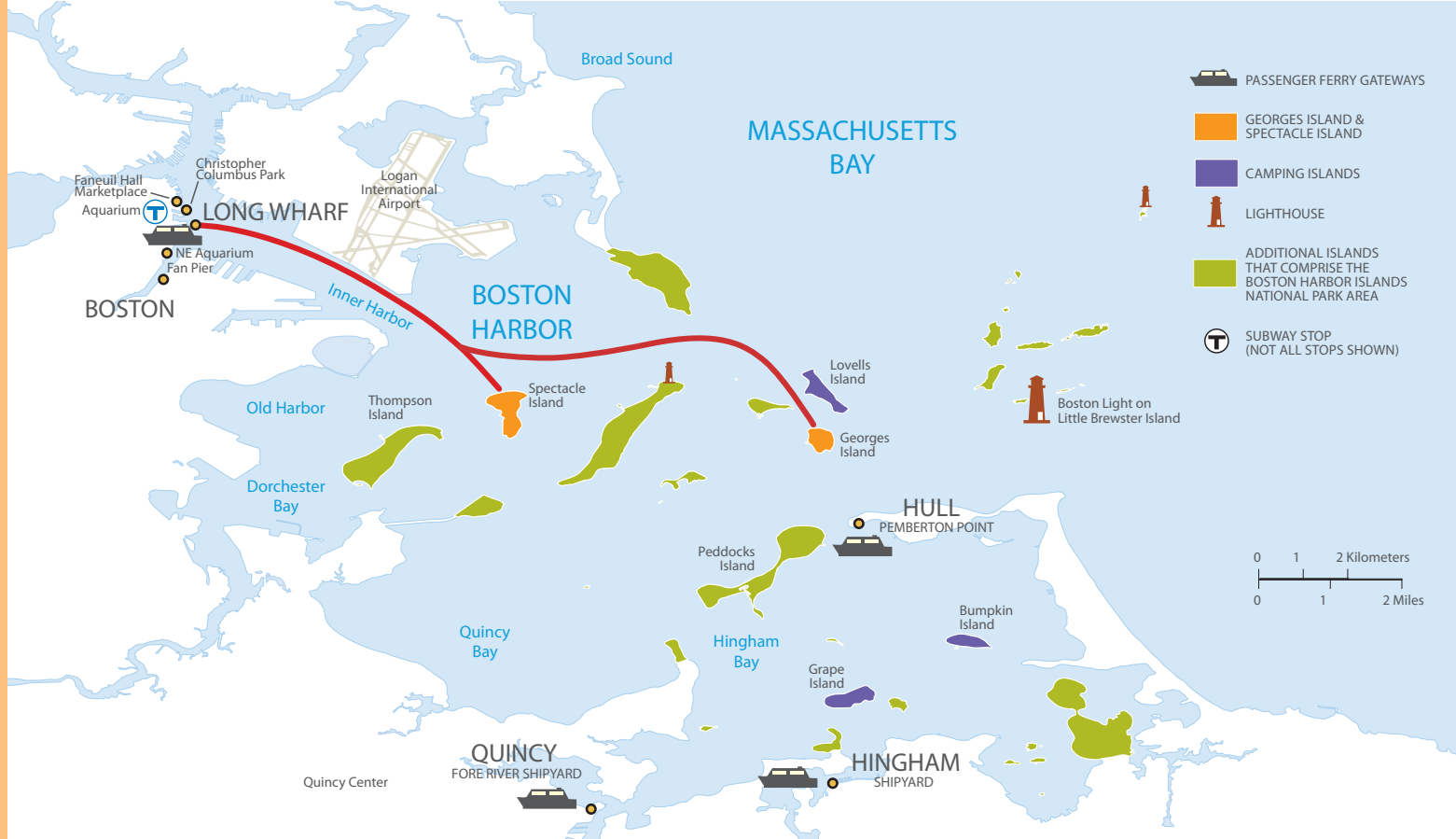
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-  Boat Access
-  Food
-  Historic Site
-  Lifeguard

The Boston Harbor Islands national park area, established in 1996, features 34 islands, encompassing 1,600 acres and 35 miles of undeveloped ocean shoreline—all within 10 miles of downtown Boston. With its many natural and cultural attractions, the park offers tourists as well as Boston residents unparalleled opportunities for play and learning in a spectacular ocean setting.

Islands you can reach by land include: Deer Island, Worlds End, Webb Memorial Park, and Nut Island.

For more information visit bostonharborislands.org or call 617-223-8666.



YOUR EASY TRIP PLANNER

Two Island Package: Spectacle Island and Georges Island

1. What can I do on the islands?

A world of choices, really close: Go on free ranger-guided tours presented all day, all week on both Georges and Spectacle Islands. Take a stroll on a beach or a hike up a hill. Enjoy a picnic. There's swimming, boating, and kayaking too. Or just relax and catch the beautiful views of Boston's harbor and skyline. Plus Free Family Fun programs bring special events such as vintage baseball, jazz concerts, and children's theatre every summer weekend.

2. What should I bring?

The Islands are easy: A friend, your family. Flip flops or hiking boots. Pack a blanket, picnic, and swim gear. Throw in a Frisbee and fly a kite. Guides for exploring plants and for watching birds. A hat and lotion for the sun, a book to read, a pad to draw on. And be sure to leave the hectic city behind.

3. How much time does it take?

You decide: Fill up your morning, afternoon, or the whole day with fun, breezes, and adventure. The ferry is easy, quick, and frequent. Ferry tickets include both Spectacle Island—only 10 minutes away—and Georges—25 minutes away. Harbor Island Express Ferries depart 7 days a week from May 3 through October 11.

4. How do I get there?

Easy come and go: Purchase ferry tickets on-line at harborexpress.com or at the Harbor Islands Express kiosk at Boston's Long Wharf, which is next to the Marriott Long Wharf hotel and across the street from Faneuil Hall Marketplace—a short walk from the MBTA's Blue Line/Aquarium stop, and from both the Green and Orange Lines at Haymarket. Inexpensive parking is available at nearby Fan Pier.

HARBOR ISLANDS EXPRESS FERRY SCHEDULES

Departures from Boston

Summer—June 21 through September 1, Mon.-Thurs.—Ferries depart Long Wharf for Georges and Spectacle Islands every hour on the hour from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Return trips from George Island are every hour on the half-hour.

Fri.-Sat.-Sun.—Ferries depart Long Wharf daily every half-hour from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Return trips from both Spectacle and Georges run hourly. As part of your package an inter-island shuttle connects both islands.

Spring and Fall—May 3-June 20 and September 2-October 11—Ferries depart Long Wharf daily for Georges and Spectacle Islands every hour on the hour from 10:00am to 4:15pm. (only exception is 11am Ferry stops only on Georges throughout the week.)

Late Fall—October 11-November 2 (Weekends)—Ferries depart Long Wharf for Spectacle Island every hour on the hour from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Return trips every hour on the half hour 10:30am to 4:30pm.

Departures from Hingham, Quincy and Hull

Daily departures (summer only). Departures from Quincy T-Harbor Express provide service to Georges Island—The boat servicing Hingham and Hull also serves as an inter-island shuttle. The boat arrives on Georges Island and also makes frequent stops on Bumpkin, Grape, Lovells and Peddocks Islands. Visitors on Georges Island may transfer to this boat to get to those islands for a \$3.00 fee.

For complete Ferry Schedules please check online at bostonharborislands.org. Tickets may be purchased at the Harbor Islands Kiosk on Long Wharf or at other gateways. Purchase tickets online at harborexpress.com.

TWO ISLAND ADVENTURE FARES FROM BOSTON: GEORGES & SPECTACLE ISLANDS

Adult	\$14.00	
Senior	\$10.00	65 or older
Child	\$8.00	3-11 years old
Children Under 3	Free	
School Groups	\$8.00	per student with adult chaperones
Family Four Pack	\$42.00	for 2 adults and 2 children

MULTI ISLAND ADVENTURE FARES

All Passengers	\$3.00	available after two island adventure purchase
	\$14.00	purchased at Hingham
Children Under 3	Free	

SUNSET CRUISE

Adult	\$19.00	
Senior	\$17.00	65 or older
Child	\$15.00	3-11 years old
Children Under 3	Free	
No exchanges or refunds		

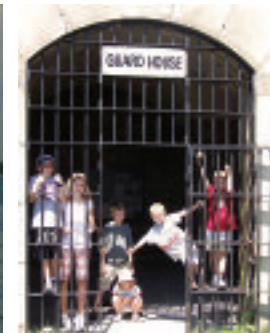
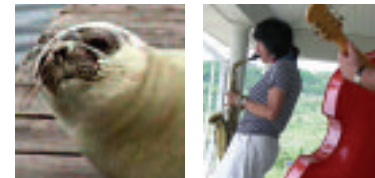


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